

THICK CAP CAUSED DEATH

EARLAPS KEPT OUT SOUND OF PASSENGER TRAIN.

FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Remains of George Wantlin Brought Here and Funeral Will be Held at Battle Creek—Mr. Wantlin Was to Have Been Married in June.

[From Thursday's Daily.]
A thick cap whose earlaps kept out all sound of the approaching passenger train was responsible for the death of Irakeman George Wantlin at West Point. Intent upon his switching orders, Mr. Wantlin did not look down the main track and thus failed to see the coming train. He was just in the act of signalling the engineer on his own freight train and had stepped back from the line of cars to within twenty inches of the main track when, his arms uplifted to attract the attention of his own engine crew, he was struck by the pilot of the locomotive hauling Bonesteel passenger train No. 401 into the West Point station at a rate of thirty miles an hour. The accident occurred at the east end of the West Point yards. Mr. Wantlin was struck at the base of the brain by the passenger engine.

The body was hurled against the freight train. The unfortunate man's back was broken by the engine's force, and he lived but a moment. He was not conscious after being struck. Fortunately his features were not mangled, there being but a slight break of the skin on the right side of the neck, and but one gash, that at the rear of the skull. The remains were taken to the city hall at that place where Coroner Wells held an inquest later in the day. No blame was attached to anyone by the coroner's jury.

Mr. Wantlin was twenty-nine years of age. His father lives near Madison and he has a brother living near Norfolk. His sister is employed in the Battle Creek Enterprise office.

Soon to Have Married.
One of the most distressing features in the sudden death of this splendid young railway brakeman was the fact that he had planned to be married in Norfolk next June, his betrothal to Miss George, niece of Mrs. Cullom, having been announced to friends some time ago. It was for this reason that the remains were taken to the Cullom home and the shock of the sad accident has nearly prostrated the young woman who was to have become the bride of the dead railway trainman.

The remains were brought to Norfolk on the evening train and taken to the home of Mr. Cullom. The funeral will be held at Battle Creek Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be in the Albery cemetery five miles east of that point, eight miles west of Norfolk. At Battle Creek live the grandparents and sister of the accident-victim and he will be buried beside the grave of his mother between this city and Battle Creek.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in both of which Mr. Wantlin was a member in good standing, will have charge of the funeral and three pallbearers will be selected from each of the lodges.

News of the distressing accident came to Norfolk railroadmen and other persons in the city acquainted with George Wantlin as a severe shock. Of all the railroad boys on this division there was none more respected or better liked than he. A sober, kindhearted, hardworking young man, ambitious and dependable to a degree, George Wantlin was above the average young man in many respects and his sudden taking off has been a severe loss not only to his friends but to the company for which he worked.

Formerly a Printer.
When George Wantlin came to Norfolk a dozen years ago he was a young boy just starting out for himself. He secured a position in The News as a pressman, where he remained as one of the most faithful and industrious workmen who ever hung his coat in this institution.

Always on hand to do his share and a little more, assuming a large responsibility and carrying it out, he was of that solid and reliable type of man whom the world is forever looking for. Of generous and kindly disposition, he was a favorite among carrier boys on the paper whom he used to remember at Christmas time with little gifts of candy and fruit. He finally left the printing business to learn the railroad work, because there was more money in it, and he stuck steadily to his work on the cars from that day until a few hours ago when, getting between a pair of rails that carried a train upon him, his life was ended.

KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER

More Popular Than the Alberta Gallatin Production in Omaha.

"When Knighthood Was in Flower," which will appear at the Auditorium Saturday evening with Miss Grace Merritt in the leading role, is the first class attraction that will be seen at the Auditorium for some time, none other in the class of Alberta Gallatin and Miss Merritt being booked for some weeks to come. Other shows of lesser character and lesser price will, however, be seen in the meantime. While it is unfortunate that two first class attractions come to the Auditorium in the same week, yet a theatrical manager cannot always control the time when a show must come if it comes at all.

"When Knighthood Was in Flower" recently played a three nights' stand in Omaha at the same time that Alberta Gallatin was there, and from the tone of the papers of that city toward the two stars it would seem that Miss Merritt was the favorite, and the piece in which she appeared the more popular.

Omaha Bee: The curtain rose on a beautiful scene near the river landing, Windsor park, England. The time represented was May day, 1513, when knighthood was in flower. The play presented was the well-known dramatization of Charles Major's romance, "When Knighthood Was in Flower," by Paul Kester. Grace Merritt was the one particular person in the play who won her way to the hearts of Krug patrons yesterday by a careful portrayal of Mary Tudor, the made-up princess of England and sister of King Henry VIII. A word for this young actress known as Grace Merritt:

In the many and varying moods and passions required of her in the role of Mary Tudor, she gave evidence of an artistic temperament, albeit at times she may betray facets of her professional worth yet unpolished. But she is earnest and painstaking and, considering the wide gamut she is required to run as Mary Tudor and how well she meets the requirements, it can be said she is worthy the praise bestowed on her yesterday.

The Shipman company appearing in this pretty romance is a capable one. The five acts are well set and the sartorial feature is well looked after. William Clifford plays Charles Brandon, the hero, who is a captain of the king's guards and a fervent suitor for Mary's affections. His duel in the first act with Sir Adam Judson is a clever bit of stage work. John G. Edwards, as Francis D'Angouleme, dauphin of France, is a trifle hasty to announce himself king of France while he yet hears the bell tolling his father's death, but it is presumed that in the year 1513 a young man got ready for the bell every time dad had a bad cough. There is much humor in the piece, Mary Tudor's fine contempt for court conventionalities and divine right of kings being brought out in splendid fashion by Miss Merritt.

Omaha News: That historical romance by Charles Major, "When Knighthood Was in Flower," was presented to a large audience by the Shipman company and the hearty applause it received indicated that patrons of the theater were more than pleased. Too much praise cannot be heaped upon the shoulders of beautiful Miss Grace Merritt, who interpreted the role of Mary Tudor, the made-up princess of England in the reign of King Henry VIII.

Her heart was in the lines she spoke, and every gesture, every movement, every word, showed that she almost lived, for the time being, the role she assumed.

Miss Merritt is polished in her art and she instantly won a place in the hearts of her auditors.

The five acts are handsomely staged and the production was far better than when seen in this city last season. There was a clever bit of stage work in the first act, when Charles Brandon and Sir Adam Judson fought a duel with swords because the latter had offended Mary Tudor.

The tavern scene, where Brandon and Mary Tudor were waiting for the tide to rise so they could escape to the new Spain, was carried out especially well, as was the scene in the king's palace in France.

There is a vein of humor in the play that causes much laughter and it is brought out just enough to make the production fetching.

"IF I WERE SADIE"

This Writer Tells What He Would Do if He Were She.
The following really rich "Sadie" poem comes unsigned from Battle Creek:

If I were Sadie I would tell
These poets all to go to—well,
To name the place I'd rather not,
They say the climate's awful hot.

If I were Sadie I have no doubt
I'd lead my little pets about,
That they might grow and raise a
fleece
In spite of poets and police.

If I were Sadie I'd never stop,
But keep on raising mutton chop,
I'd exercise them every day;
When they were hungry feed them
"Hay."

Now if Sadie only knew
That she had caused this mutton stew,
I think she would surely mend her
ways
And stop this foolish rhyming craze.

SUCCUMBS TO BURNS.

One of the Little Schultz Children at Pierce is Dead.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]
Word has been received in Norfolk of the death of one of the little children of Mr. Schultz at Pierce, so badly burned last week in a gasoline explosion. Two little children suffered in the fire and one of them has succumbed.

FROZEN EARS ARE COMMON.

Not a Few People Have Pair of Purple Auricles.
Not a few Norfolk people are today suffering from frozen ears as a result of the 15-below-zero weather which swept down upon Norfolk during Tuesday night. A number are suffering with two purple auricles and some even had their nose tips frozen white.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS

PLAN POPULAR ELECTION OF NEW DIRECTOR BOARD.

WILL COLLECT NO MORE FEES

Not Until the Commercial Club is Reorganized Will More Money be Accepted From Members, According to Directors' Decision.

[From Thursday's Daily.]
Where will the 2,000 guests expected here next Thursday to attend the Modern Woodmen of America district meeting, be fed while in the city?

This was one of the problems which was brought before directors of the Commercial club at their meeting last night in the office of Secretary Mathewson. An effort will be made to solve it.

Will Reorganize.

The directors appointed a committee to visit merchants with a view to arousing some sort of special entertainment in stores for the visitors; devised a plan for popular election of a board of nine directors of the Commercial club; appointed a reception committee to represent the Commercial club at the city hall on the afternoon of the Woodmen's visit; appointed local representatives to make speeches of welcome and of prize presentation to the Woodmen; announced that collection of dues from members of the club has been abandoned and passed resolutions of sorrow because of the death of the president, the late W. M. Robertson. It was announced that \$1,337.50 has been collected from members since the reorganization of the club, of which it is estimated there is about \$1,000 now on hand. No more funds will be collected until the club is reorganized.

The following committee was appointed to visit merchants with a view to urging special sales and entertainment for the guests: E. B. Kauffman, F. E. Davenport, A. H. Kiesau. It is estimated that there will be 2,000 visitors here and they will have little to do in the afternoon, aside from the afternoon meeting in the Auditorium, except stroll about town. It was therefore desired that all possible effort be put forth by merchants to make the afternoon especially attractive.

It was decided to issue an invitation to all members of Commercial clubs from over the district to make the city hall, which will be headquarters for the local Commercial club's reception committee, an assembling and lounging place during the day. The following committee was chosen to act as a reception committee in the city hall: C. E. Burnham, George D. Butterfield and W. M. Witzigman.

It was voted that Burt Mapes shall make the presentation speech of \$50—\$30 to the largest delegation and \$20 to the largest class to be initiated.

John R. Hays was selected to deliver the address of welcome at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to the visitors. This meeting will be held in the Auditorium.

For Election of Directors.

It was determined that, as a means of electing a new board of nine directors for the club, a blank ballot with a circular letter of instructions will be sent to every member of the club, and every member will be allowed as many votes as he holds memberships in the organization. In this way it was believed that all chance of the criticism that electioneering were done, would be punctured. And, by this means, it was thought that the responsibility of helping to reorganize the Commercial club will be placed upon every member.

Reorganization Essential.

It was announced by Secretary Mathewson that since the club was organized a couple of years ago \$1,337.50 has been collected and, Treasurer G. D. Butterfield being absent, it was impossible to know exactly how much money is on hand, but it was thought that there is now about \$1,000 in the treasury. It was determined that there will be no more collecting of membership fees until the club is reorganized.

It seemed to be the sentiment of the directors that a Commercial club is a valuable factor of the community and that reorganization and renewed activity is needed.

The following resolutions, presented by Mr. Burnham, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His divine power to remove from our midst William M. Robertson, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Wm. M. Robertson, the club has not only lost an efficient and worthy president and member, but the city has lost one of its most enterprising and progressive citizens, a man gifted far above the average in his ability to accomplish things. He was never more happy than when he was engaged upon a mission the result of which being successful would benefit the city and people whom he loved. Many monuments to his memory may be found about our city and vicinity, among which are the federal building and the present insane hospital, the possession of which credit to a large degree is due to his untiring effort.

Be it further
Resolved, That the secretary of this club be instructed to procure an enlarged photograph of the said Hon. Wm. M. Robertson, have same suitably framed and present one each to the above named institutions.

TRIES CARBOLIC ACID SUICIDE

Jess Andrews, Bridgeman, Fails to End Life in Boarding House.
Jess Andrews, a bridgeman em-

ployed on the construction work of the Kost bridge southwest of Norfolk, attempted suicide just before noon by drinking carbolic acid at the Robinson boarding house, corner Norfolk avenue and First street. Dr. Tashjean was hurriedly summoned and gave an antidote to the victim, who will recover.

No motive for the deed was learned. Andrews is said to have been drinking heavily for several days past and the odor of carbolic acid was noted by Mrs. Robinson. He is said to have had a bottle, but that could not be found later. After the antidote had been administered, the patient simply groaned, "Let me die!"

Andrews is a single man and his home is at Kearney, where his mother lives. Every effort was made to suppress reports of the attempted tragedy, but neighbors soon learned what had transpired.

People at the boarding house administered antidotes before Dr. Tashjean arrived on the scene. The physician found little caustic evidence on the tongue or mouth that carbolic acid had been taken, and it was apparent that the acid must have been a weak solution, if taken.

SAYS MAN IS DANGEROUS.

Dr. Mackay Claims James Kelly Ought to be in Asylum.

Jim Kelly, who ran amuck in a boarding house last week in Norfolk and was finally overpowered by four men and a physician with a hypodermic syringe and placed in a straight jacket, is back again from Madison, having been released by the authorities, and is around with a butcher knife looking for those who put him under restraint.

Dr. Mackay, who attended the man and had a medicine case and hypodermic syringe smashed in the melee, gives the following account of the case:

"I found the man exhibiting the incarnations of ungovernable passion and stealthy cunning in a paroxysm of almost convulsive frenzy with the perceptible faculties unimpaired. He would bite, spit, strike, kick and swear and use as obscene language as the vilest could utter. He was not intoxicated. During this tornado of raving madness his face was flushed, veins engorged, eyes red, staring and ghastly wild and all his energies concentrated in killing those who were restraining him.

"I recognized the case as one of periodical mania. This is a condition where at intervals the excitement of certain areas of the brain causes a large development of nervous energy which expands in an equivalent of new thoughts and emotions in distorted relation and overflows in motor currents discharged through the muscles so that the victim is capable during the periods of disturbance of exerting tremendous physical strength. Bucknill's vivid description is authoritative. He says these chronic maniacs are permitted to come and go at pleasure and are considered harmless and from them come the authors of the many crimes we read of daily. A sudden murder committed under most revolting or heart-rending circumstances and the account ends, 'the author of the crime, though known to have spells, was considered harmless and inoffensive.'"

Kelly Changes Boarding Houses.

Jim Kelly, the sewer laborer who was recently dismissed by the county board of insanity and who created a disturbance that took Chief of Police Hay and three men to quell, has moved from the Robinson boarding house, corner First and Main streets, on advice of Chief of Police Hay. Officer Hay was called to the boarding house one day after Kelly had returned from Madison, because of trouble that threatened. Kelly and another boarder were quarreling in words and the other man had a chair hoisted with which to strike. On Chief Hay's advice, Kelly left.

HOGS REACH \$6.90 MARK

ANOTHER RECORD ON SOUTH OMAHA 'CHANGE.

BEST IN FOUR YEARS' TIME

The Norfolk Market Bobbed up With the South Omaha Rise and Farmers Here Received \$6.30 Cash for 100 Pounds of Live Pork.

South Omaha, Neb., Jan. 31.—Special to The News: Another top notch was struck by the livestock market in South Omaha today when hogs went sailing up to the \$6.90 mark. The bulk of sales ranged from \$6.80 to \$6.85 and \$6.90 was paid for high class stuff. This is the highest price paid in four years and joy reigned among the sellers who chanced to be in.

The Norfolk market sailed up to \$6.30 with the South Omaha rise, this being the highest local price paid for four years. North Nebraska farmers are feeling mighty happy over the high price that is prevailing in live pork.

DEFEAT BROWN'S BILLS.

Two Votes Kill Measure Against Court Reversals.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 29.—Special to The News: Ned Brown's bills to wipe out court reversals on technicalities, were defeated in the house by two votes today.

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LAST CAKE OF LOCAL SUPPLY IS STORED.

BY LIGHT OF MIDNIGHT MOON

Fred Schelly's Force of Men Completed Their Labors at Midnight. George Stalcop Loaded the Last of Fifteen Cars for Railroad.

Norfolk's ice for next summer's use is all stored away.

The last block of frozen water was hoisted into an ice house by the light of the midnight moon when Fred Schelly's force of workmen completed their task and loaded his storage houses to maximum capacity. Moonlight was used for the closing half-night's work because it was desired to keep an open channel in the river which would float the huge transparent cakes of chill.

And at noon George Stalcop finished loading the last car of ice purchased from Norfolk by the Northwestern railroad company for use on this division next summer. Ten carloads went to Bonesteel and five carloads to West Point.

The ice houses of Waldo & Dillenberg, E. B. Kauffman, for his business use; the insane hospital; Oertwig, Schelly, Satterlee brothers, and the various vaults about town, are now jammed full.

The quality of ice put up in Norfolk was never better and the quantity assures a plenty of ice cream and sherbet next Fourth of July, to say nothing of ice cold lemonade.

THURSDAY TOPICS.

H. Jurgensen was over from Madison Thursday.

R. L. Thomas of Pierce was in the city yesterday.

Matt H. Boyle of Winside was in Norfolk yesterday.

W. W. Vogt of Belgrade was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

John Tehon, district passenger agent for the Wabash railroad, was in Norfolk yesterday.

George Krasne of Peru was in the city yesterday.

J. S. Busserman of Hadar was in the city yesterday.

E. O. Pellard was down from Meadow Grove yesterday.

O. VanHousen of Schuyler was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

W. S. McKinney of Kalamazoo was in the city yesterday.

G. E. Junge was a Norfolk visitor from Pierce yesterday.

H. G. Weygant of Clearwater visited in Norfolk yesterday.

W. H. Clark went to West Point yesterday to begin work.

J. D. Sturgeon made a business trip to Oukdale yesterday.

L. Patterson of Albion was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

L. Patterson of Albion was a Norfolk visitor on Thursday.

J. H. Foote returned from a business trip to Omaha last night.

Miss Belle Temple of Wayne is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Gow.

B. Whitver and A. J. Dunlevy of Tilden were Norfolk visitors yesterday.

Mrs. C. L. Wattles and daughter of Neligh were in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Platz of Columbus is visiting Mrs. Young at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson were in Norfolk yesterday from Union Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vall of Wayne stopped over night in Norfolk on their way home from Fairmont, where they have been visiting Mrs. Vail's brother, H. S. Overocker.

Word has been received in Norfolk that Rev. Dr. F. M. Slison fell on the icy sidewalk some time ago and injured his hip. He was laid up for two weeks. Dr. Slison was formerly presiding elder of the Methodist church in the Norfolk district and now lives at South Omaha.

cial at the home of the Durland sisters tomorrow evening.

Engineer Pat Killoran went out on his run this morning after a week's illness.

Engineer Geo. Johnson has moved his family from Fremont into the house vacated by O. P. Masters.

Ralph Diefenderfer went to work in the round house yesterday morning as jacket wiper.

F. E. Foreman went to Missouri Valley this morning on business.

Selkirk Ellenwood, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ellenwood, is quite sick with diphtheria. The home is now in quarantine.

L. M. Beeler and family are moving into their new home, recently purchased on North Ninth street. This is the home recently vacated by M. O. Walker.

J. M. Hoskinson of Newcastle, who has been visiting in Norfolk for the past few days and who left for his home at noon, states that the Omaha road has finished five miles of grade northwest of Newcastle for the extension toward Niobrara.

No word has been received in Norfolk of work on the survey of the projected Yankton & Southwestern. Fremont Hill, when he was here, announced that surveying would begin January 5, but no word of that beginning has been received here.

New opera chairs for the balcony in the Auditorium have arrived and are being installed for use Saturday night for the first time. Heretofore there have been only two rows of opera chairs in the balcony. The house management has changed the hour for the rising of the curtain on all attractions from 8:30 o'clock to 8:15 o'clock, owing to the need of earlier starts by the playfolk. It seems to be the universal opinion of those who attended the first night that acoustic properties of the theater have been very greatly improved.

FOR GREATER HASTINGS.

Movement for City of 20,000 is Started by Nebraska Point.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 30.—A movement was launched last night for a greater Hastings. "Twenty thousand people by 1910," will be the campaign cry and if the plans of the men back of the scheme are carried out Hastings will move with full steam ahead for the next three years.

The opening ceremony was conducted last night by the Hastings commercial club. This organization has been enjoying Rip Van Winkle sleep ever since its first few spasms of real activity and will hardly be recognized when it meets to mix the elixir for the new life of the town.

The population of the town is now about 12,000. The city directory allows even a few hundred more, but by any process of figuring it can be demonstrated that there are at least an even dozen thousands of people under the Queen City's protecting wing.

Mayor Miles, who is president of the Commercial club, issued the following proclamation as a starter:

We have now entered upon the year 1907; a prosperous condition prevails among our business interests and plenty among our agriculture interests and the promise is for greater abundance. Would it not be well to unite our efforts in a movement to make Hastings a city of 20,000 people by 1910, when the next census will be taken. It is needless to recount the advantages of Hastings to Hastings people, but what we should do, is to meet, determine upon plans and let our many advantages be known to the country at large. With this purpose in view, I hereby call a meeting of the Commercial club, and any of our citizens in sympathy with this movement, for Tuesday night, January 29, at 8 p. m. at the city hall. A commercial club and citizens' banquet on Washington's birthday might be a good method for launching our enterprise.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice at Norfolk, Neb., January 29, 1907:

Miss Glenn Buskirk, Miss Hazel Dawson, Mr. Henry Davis, Mrs. Mary Ellsworth, F. H. Hackett, Miss Auguste Hatzkie, Mrs. E. E. Nickols, M. L. Todd, Mr. John Nichols, Glen S. Welling, Geo. E. Searles, Mr. H. L. Smith, Miss Geneva Patterson.

If not called for in fifteen days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say "advertised."

John R. Hays, P. M.